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University of Massachusetts SYMBOLS: Depository Copy tolerates partial shade 2 plants required 2 varieties required isolated plant full sun for pollination for pollination wlli frult WATER DRAINAGE PLANT SOIL рΗ SUN/SHADE AIR DRAINAGE SLOPE SPACING POLLINATION COMMENTS does not 10-12 ft. 5.5 avoid frost best on many disdwarf prefers sandy pockets or areas tolerate north- or ease and loam with to apple and compost or peat 6.5 without free standing water northeastinsect crabapple movement of air, around roots facing problems; (Malus moss; tolerates but protect from slope for good dwarves pumila) wide range strong winds cross-poll. must be staked. 6 ft. requires wellnot important; adapts to beach very adaptable; 5.5 drained site plum tolerates poor to withstands extreme 7.5 temperature cold&heat; (Prunus sandy and heavy maritima extremes and wind&salt solls winds tolerant-can grow near roads &sidewalks 4 avoid frost 4-8 ft. high bush cool, moist grows in low prefers pockets or areas blueberry solls; sandy to spots: avoid north- or apart without free (Vaccinium loam Is best; dry sites northeast-5; in rows Corymbosum thrives on lots 4.5 movement of alr faclnq of humus, mulch but part. is slope but shade if and compost does not deal site is require hot & dry slope 5.5 fairly brambles: pretty adaptprotect from require wellnorth- or 2-3 ft. able; red to high winds drained soil; northeastapart in drought raspberry production is 7.5 no standing facing Is resistant; rows (Rubus best on heavily water best but good thicspp.) mulched, rich not reket fence; soils; supplequired plant away ment soils with from garcompost or den -- susmanure ceptible to verticill. wilt cherry-tolerates wide good air drainage requires weilbest on bush: bush: range of soils bush and Is very important drained site; slope to 4-8 ft. sour If dralnage is to protect will not tolerdrain cold sour: (Prunus good; prefers biossoms and ate standing air 15-18 ft. sour: spp.) sandy, humusy fruit buds water; wlll soll tolerate drought

PLANT	SOIL	рН	SUN/SHADE	AIR DRAINAGE	WATER DRAINAGE	SLOPE	SPACING	POLLINATION	COMMENTS
high bush cranberry (Viburnum trilobum)	likes woodsy, humusy soil	6 to 7		not important; hardy	wili stand moisture if roots are not standing in water	does not require slope	8 ft. for specimen; iess for hedge	9	
elderberry (Sambucus canadensis	moist soil	6 to 8		not important; hardy	likes damp location	does not require siope	12 ft. for specimen; 6 ft. for hedge	unless there are wild ones nearby	quite har- dy and resistant to salt and other urban conditions
juneberry (Amelan- chier spp)	tolerant of poor solls; prefers moist, well-drained soils	5 to 7		not Important; not susceptible to frost	tolerant of wet spots; not drought resis- tant	does not require siope	8 ft.		tolerant of salt, poor soil, urban con- ditions,
mulberry (Morus spp.)	hardy, grows in any soll; prefers light, loamy soils	6 to 7.5	prefers	can take a windy spot	requires good drainage; resistant to drought	does not require slope	20-30 ft. for standard, 15 ft. for dwarf		wind; rellably resistant to salt, drought, and other urban conditions
paw-paw (Asimina triloba)	grows only in rich, fertile soil	6.5		not Important; can IIve in frost pockets	molst site; tolerant of wet spots	does not require slope	15-20 ft.		fruits are edible but susceptible e people have developed a dermatitis from handling; reliably hardy only in E. MA
pear (Pyrus communis)	ideal soil is well-drained clay loam at least 4 ft. deep	6.5 Is I= deal		needs air circu- lation; avold frost pockets	likes well- drained site; will not tolerate wet feet	best on protected slope N- or E- facing	20 ft. for standard; 12-15 ft. for dwarf	99	windswept hilitops and low valleys not sultable
oblonga)	tolerates wide range of soils; well-drained moisture-retentive soil is best	6.5 Is I- deal		avoid frost pockets	well-drained moisture- retentive soll is best	best on N- or E- facing slope	10-12 ft. for dwarf		needs long season; In Bos. fruit must be harvested before fully ripe

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rugosa rosa (Rosa rugosa)	grows on any soil; grows best on acid soil with good drainage	6 to 7		needs good air circulation	likes good drainage; will tolerate drought		6 ft. for specimen; 2 ft. for hedge	9	tolerates hi sait content; can grow near roads &sidewalks
hardy kiwi (Actinidia arguta)	grows in any type soli	wr ia dn eg		shouidn't be a problem	probably not tolerant of poorly drained sites	not Important	allow 13 ft. diameter for each plant	requires male and female plants, ratio of 1 M: 4 F	pruning,
autumn olive (Eliagnus umbeliata)	thrives in low- fertility, acid loamy and sandy soils			not important hardy	likes drainage; very drought tolerant	does not require slope	6 ft. for hedge; 12 ft. for specimen	0	an excel- lent soil conserv. plant; N-fixer; very sait tolerant
wainut	deep, fertile well-drained solls	6 to 7		requires good air drainage; of the nuts, bik. wainut is least sensitive to frost	needs moist but well-drained spot	base of N-facing slope is best	50 ft.for specimen; 12 ft. as thicket or screen	99	
	deep, moist soii	6 to 7		requires good air drainage	needs moisture; tolerates wet spots	base of N-facing slope is best	25-30 ft.	recommended	
chestnut (Castanea mollissima)	sandy or gravel	6.5		avold frost pockets		best on N- or NE- facing slope to delay blossoming	30-50 ft.	$\Diamond \circ $	must be well mulched first few years
(VITIS spp.)		6.0 to 8.0	(.	good air circu- lation reduces disease problems	good drainage is essential	south- facing is best	8 ft.		need a trellis

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